

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING JUNE 29, 2004

The Hall County Board of Supervisors met June 29, 2004, by published call in the county board meeting room, 121 South Pine, Grand Island.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pamela Lancaster.

INVOCATION - Invocation was given by Pastor Todd Bowen. .

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Richard Hartman, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries and Pamela Lancaster. Robert Rye was absent. Also present were County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz and a representative from the *Grand Island Independent*.

Eriksen made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the following by consent agenda:

1. Accept and place on file the minutes of the July 15, 2004 meeting
2. 7 Approve Resolution #040029 for the exchange of collateral for US Bank for \$300,000.00
3. 8 Approve Resolution #04-0030 for the Hall County Clerk for additional collateral for Wells Fargo Bank in the amount of \$85,000.00
4. 10a. Approve the renewal of the amusement license for Mid-Nebraska Speedway
5. 10b Approve the renewal of the amusement license for the Hall County Ag-Society
6. 11 Authorize the chair to sign the contract extension for Aramark for the food service at the jail
7. 23 Accept and place on file the office report from Emergency Management
8. 24 Accept and place on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
9. 25 Accept and place on file communications as received

Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston Jeffries, and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no with Rye absent. Motion carried.

COUNTY ATTORNEY – DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON HUMANE SOCIETY

CONTRACT – County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz was present. He stated that the contract with the Humane Society for their services was a 6-month contract and will expire at the end of June. The previous contract was on a per-call basis and the calls were channeled through the Hall County Sheriff's Department and they also reviewed and processed the claim. The new contract established a monthly fee of \$950.00. Mr. Janulewicz reviewed some of the statistics regarding the unincorporated area of the county. He stated that Pat Devine was to be present to review some of the information with the board. In the discussion with the Humane Society he stated that they would be interested in a multi-year contract. Chief Deputy Chris Rea was also present and he stated that they have been very pleased with the new contract and they would like to see the contract renewed, it has been working well. Discussion was held to delay action to see if Ms. Devine comes to the meeting.

2b DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

CONTRACT – Mr. Janulewicz stated that the county has had a contract with the Grand Island chamber of Commerce for the visitor promotion services for Hall County and there

have been lengthily discussions concerning the changes. A Visitors Committee has been appointed and they recommend that the County contract with the newly formed corporation to provide the visitor promotion services for Hall County. CVB has obtained a location and are in the process of remodeling the offices. Mr. Janulewicz stated that the contract has not been completed yet but he will finish the contract and have it ready for approval at the next board meeting.

Lancaster stated that during the discussions with Convention Visitors Bureau it was decided that they would remain a separate entity and they would establish a 5 member corporate board and contract with the County. At this time they have Chuck Bosselman, Ray O'Connor, Tony Schultz and Brian Gallagher and they are looking for one more member. The county will continue to approve the appointments to the Visitors Promotion Council.

Arnold made a motion and Jeffries seconded to direct County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz to draw up a one-year contract with the Hall County convention Visitors Bureau Incorporated for the visitor promotion services to be approved at the next board meeting. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston Jeffries, and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no with Rye absent. Motion carried.

Convention Visitors Bureau Executive Director Renee Siefert was present and thanked the County Board for their help and she hopes that they will be pleased with the activities. This is the first time for an organization like this and she hopes that this will be a model for other counties.

Pat Devine Executive Director for the Hall County Humane Society was present. She reviewed the statistics; the numbers on the first sheet are the county calls. Hartman questioned why the calls for the rural areas are down? Ms. Divine stated that she did not include the calls that are safety issues such as animals on the road ways or the numbers from the villages. She stated that the humane society is working on contracts with the villages. They also have a contract with the City of Grand Island and they are charged the same as the county. The county only pays for the unincorporated areas of the county.

Jeffries made a motion and Arnold seconded to approve the contract. County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz stated that there is not a contract prepared at this time, but he will prepare one. He questioned how many years the board wanted to make this one for.

Jeffries amended his motion and Arnold seconded to instruct the County Attorney to prepare the contract with the Humane Society for three years at the same rate.

Eriksen questioned the procedure that was used to determine the rate and if and why it is based on the human population. Arnold stated that there is no perfect way to do this but there is also more travel time in the rural areas. The population was determined by regional planning. This method has been used by other agencies to determine cost.

Arnold called for the question. The vote on the motion was taken. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no, with Rye absent. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Chairman Lancaster called for public participation and no one responded.

9. DISCUSS SCHEDULING ANNUAL INFORMATIONAL DINNER WITH HALL COUTNY HOUSING AUTHORITY – The Board received a letter concerning the annual informational meeting with the Hall County Housing Authority. They suggested holding the luncheon on July 28, 2004 at 12:00 p.m. Arnold made a motion and Humiston seconded to schedule the annual lunch with the Hall County Housing Authority for July 27, 2004 at 12:00 p.m. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston Jeffries, and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no with Rye absent. Motion carried.

12 DISCUSS HIRING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR – Lancaster stated that the computer committee accepted 50 applications and held ten interviews for the position. Doug Drudik has been selected as the new director and will begin work August 1. He is formerly from Grand Island. Humiston made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the hiring as Doug Drudik as the new IT director with a starting salary of \$65,000.00 per year. Hartman questioned if this will save money and if the service contract will still be there. Lancaster replied that the service will still be there. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston Jeffries, and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no with Rye absent. Motion carried.

13. COMPUTER DEPARTMEN RECOMMENDATION REGARDING COUNTY EMPLOYEE'S COMPUTER USAGE REGARDING THE CAFETERIA PLAN – Humiston stated that the computer committee discussed allowing the county system to be used for the cafeteria plan and recommended to set a limit on the time that the employees can use the system to review their accounts. It was suggested to allow 30 minutes per week. Jeffries expressed concern that this may be too long.

Humiston stated that some employees may not be able to access the internet. Arnold expressed concern that the employees may be using work time to do this and suggested that employees use their breaks or lunch hours to do so. Lancaster stated that the committee felt it was necessary to have a time limit but that could be changed. Lancaster also stated that they can do a print out of who is on the internet and how much time is spent. Eriksen questioned if this was to be on county time.

Lancaster sated that the board will return to this item because of the bid opening.

5a. 10:00 A.M. ACCEPT BIDS FOR MOTOR GRADER – The following bids were received:

BIDDER	TYPE OF UNIT	LIST PRICE	TRADE IN	NET COST	DELIVERY
NEBR MACHINERY	CAT 12HP	\$168,560.00	\$18,000.00	\$150,560.00	90-120 DAYS
MURPHY TRACTOR	JOHN DEERE 770CH	\$158,100.00	\$20,000.00	\$138,100.00	45-60 DAYS
FAIRBANKS	NEW HOLLAND RG200	\$137,900.00	\$32,400.00	\$105,500.00	30 DAYS
	RG170B	\$140,400.00	\$32,000.00	\$108,400.00	90-120 DAYS

Jeffries made a motion and Arnold seconded to refer the bids to the public works committee and they will come back with a recommendation.

10:08 a.m. Jeffries made a motion and Arnold seconded to go into executive session for the following. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no, with Rye absent. Motion carried.

6.a. EXECUTIVE SESSION – DISCUSS UNION NEGOTIATIONS WITH FATERAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE #10

6 c. EXECUTIVE SESSION – DISCUSS UNION NEGOTIATION WITH COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO

6 e. EXECTUIVE SESSION – DISCUSS UNION NEGOTIATIONS WITH HALL COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDERS ORGANIZATION

6 g. EXECUTIVE SESSION – DISCUSS UNION NEGOTIATIONS WITH UNITED FOOD & COMMERCIAL WORKERS LOCAL 22 AFL-CIO & CLC

Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no, with Rye absent. Motion carried.

10:08 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. 6.a. EXECUTIVE SESSION – DISCUSS UNION NEGOTIATIONS WITH FATERAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE #10

10:15 a.m. to 10:21 a.m. 6 c. EXECUTIVE SESSION – DISCUSS UNION NEGOTIATION WITH COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO

10:22 a.m. to 10:26 a.m. 6 g. EXECUTIVE SESSION – DISCUSS UNION NEGOTIATIONS WITH UNITED FOOD & COMMERCIAL WORKERS LOCAL 22 AFL-CIO & CLC

10:27 a.m. to 10:46 a.m. 6 e. EXECTUIVE SESSION – DISCUSS UNION NEGOTIATIONS WITH HALL COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDERS ORGANIZATION

10:47 a.m. Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to go out of executive session. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no, with Rye absent. Motion carried.

6 b. TAKE ACTION WITH RESPECT TO LABOR AGREEMENT WITH FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, LODGE #10 – Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to approve the labor agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #10 and authorize the chair to sign. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no, with Rye absent. Motion carried.

6 d. TAKE ACTION WITH RESPECT TO LABOR AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO – Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to approve Resolution #04-0031 declaring impasse in the negotiations with the Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO and effective July 1, 2004 to impose the terms and conditions of the County's June 23, 2004 proposal as the final offer.

Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and Hartman voted no. Bob Rye was absent.

6 h. TAKE ACTION WITH RESPECT TO LABOR AGREEMENT WITH UNITED FOOD & COMMERCIAL WORKERS LOCAL 22, AFL-CIO & CLC - Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to approve Resolution #04-0032 declaring impasse in the negotiations with the United Food & Commercial Workers Local 22 AFL-CIO and effective July 1, 2004 to impose the terms and conditions of the County's June 22, 2004 proposal as the final offer.

Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and Hartman voted no. Bob Rye was absent.

6 f. TAKE ACTION WITH RESPECT TO LABOR AGREEMENT WITH HALL COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENERS ORGANIZATION - Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to approve Resolution #04-0033 declaring impasse in the negotiations with the Hall County Public Defender's Organization and effective July 1, 2004 to impose the terms and conditions of the County's June 22, 2004 proposal as the final offer.

Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and Hartman voted no. Bob Rye was absent.

BID OPENING FOR MOTOR GRADER – The committee met and reviewed the bids for the motor grader and they recommended to accept the bid for the John Deere.

Hartman made a motion and Arnold seconded to accept the bid from Murphy Tractor in the amount of \$138,100.00 for the John Deere 770CH motor grader. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston and Lancaster all voted yes and Jeffries voted no. Bob Rye was absent. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION REGARDING COMPUTER USAGE FOR CAFETERIA PLAN – Discussion was continued. Arnold expressed concern if the employees used work time and suggested that they use lunch breaks or breaks or before they clock in. Discussion was held on the amount of time that should be allowed. This can be monitored by reports on the computers.

County Clerk Marla Conley stated that this plan uses the on-line billing and claim processing to help eliminate some of the paper work that the employees would need to monitor their accounts. This on-line service allows the employee to manage his own account and speeds up the filing process.

This will be referred back to the computer committee to come back with a recommendation at the next meeting. This could also be part of the personnel policy and the handbook.

16 COMMENCE AUDIT OF BIWEEKLY PAY CLAIMS AND ACTION ON CLAIM AUDIT AND APPROVE REGULAR CLAIMS – Hartman made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the biweekly pay claims and approve the claim for the keno grant for the Salvation Army and the claim for the Clerk of the District Court to purchase a photo copier. Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no, with Rye absent. Motion carried.

4 DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON SETTING HEALTH INSURANCE CO-PAYS FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES – Lancaster stated that with the approval of the FOP contract and imposing the contracts with the other unions it is necessary to address the rest of the county employees regarding the 5% health insurance co-pay. Discussion was held on the implementation date. Jeffries suggested making it effective on July 30th. The next paycheck would be on August 13th.

Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to approve the county employee co pay for the health insurance effective on the August 13th paycheck. Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no, with Rye absent. Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS – Hartman questioned if the land at CAAP is owned by NPPD is going to be cleaned up before it is used. He questioned if some of it has been sold. Eriksen stated that there is a request to purchase Track #47. He will have more information later.

Humiston – no report

Eriksen – He attended the union negotiations and reported that he had toured a law enforcement center at Lavista and Papillion. They need additional information before they proceed with this.

Jeffries – He attended the labor union negotiations.

Arnold – No report. He thanked the computer committee for their work on the IT director.

Lancaster – She attended the Senior Citizens meeting and attended the National Guard fly-in. They are putting together a committee for education on the new jail facility and they would like to invite members of the public that are interested to be involved.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Chairman Lancaster called for new or unfinished business and no one responded.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m. The next meeting will be July 13, 2004.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk